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ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 EA-10 ISO-00 OTPE-00 /018 W
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R 210348Z FEB 75
FM AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5117
INFO AMCONSUL MELBOURNE
AMCONSUL SYDNEY
AMEMBASSY TOKYO

UNCLAS CANBERRA 1157

TOKYO PASS DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY WALDMANN

EO 11652: NA.
TAGS: ETEL, TSPA, OTRA, AS.
SUBJECT: VISIT OF MESSRS. WALDMANN AND URBANY.

REF: (A) STATE 8764.
(B) STATE 38314.
(C) CANBERRA 1104.

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES INFORMATION REF (B) REGARDING CANBERRA ARRIVAL.

2. ASSUME WALDMANN AND URBANY ARRIVING SYDNEY ENROUTE CANBERRA FROM HONG KONG ON PA812, TRANSITING DJAKARTA EN ROUTE. IT HAS BEEN OUR EXPERIENCE THAT FLIGHT SUBJECT TO DELAYS, PARTICULARLY THIS SEASON, WHICH COULD CAUSE LAST-MINUTE CANCELLATION FEB. 27 1:30 P.M. CANBERRA MEETING WITH OTC, PMG'S DEPT. AND OTHERS AT DEPT. OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THIS WOULD BE SOURCE OF CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT TO EMBASSY FOR REASON INDICATED REF (C) PARA 1. IN ANY EVENT TRAVELERS WILL ARRIVE, EVEN IF ON TIME, BARELY ONE HOUR BEFORE SCHEDULED MEETING AFTER WHAT WE KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE CAN BE EXHAUSTING OVERNIGHT FLIGHT.

3. THEREFORE SUGGEST CONSIDER RE-BOOKING FROM TOKYO ON QANTAS 263 WHICH WE UNDERSTAND IS DIRECT FLIGHT DEPARTING
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TOKYO 2000 HOURS TUESDAY FEB. 25, ARRIVING SYDNEY 0740 HOURS

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WEDNESDAY FEB. 26. SEVERAL ONWARD CONNECTIONS AVAILABLE
DURING DAY WHICH WOULD PERMIT CANBERRA ARRIVAL IN TIME
FOR ADEQUATE REST REMAINDER OF FEB. 26, AND ALSO AVOID
NECESSITY RESCHEDULING TENTATIVE DFA MORNING APPOINTMENT. WE
APPRECIATE FOREIGN FLAG LINE PROBLEM THIS SUGGESTION ENTAILS,
BUT BELIEVE PURPOSE OF VISIT, OVERALL US INTERESTS BEST
SERVED THIS WAY. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE FULL NAME, TITLE URBANY, WHO
WE ASSUME REPLACING FISHMAN (REF A) ON VISIT.
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